YERKES'S SIDE OF THE CASE.

CHARGES MEDILL AND LAWSON WITH ATTEMPTED BLACKMAIL.

The Chicago Street Car Magnate Says That Mayor Harrison and Those Chicago Editors Entered Into a Corrupt Agreement to Defeat the Extension Ordinance

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.-Charles T. Yerkes to-day wave out this statement regarding the recent agitation over the extension of the street-car

'About twelve years ago the first of the street railway properties, which are managed under the North and West Chicago systems was purchased. At that time horse cars were run. The bridges across the Chicago River between the North and South sides were used The terminal point for most of the street-car companies was on the South Side. The people on the North Side had been beseeching the managers of the North Side company to use the tunnel under the Chicago River, connecting the North and South sides, instead of the swinging bridges, so as to do away with the delaws which lasted from five to twenty minutes. on account of the almost incessant opening of

the drawbridges.
"When the present management obtained possession the La Salle street tunnel was not only used, but the main lines on the north side were cabled. At this time a demand was made upon me to pay the Chicago Tribune for this favor. The question of the desirability of the change in the street car transportation was not questioned, it being a change from horse to cable cars and from swing bridges to a clean, light tunnel without having the cars detained. Previous to using the tunnel it had practically one into disuse and was covered with filth. The railroad company also rebuilt two large swing bridges at the points where their ears had formerly crossed, which cost the company about \$600,000. It was also about this time that the Daily News appeared on the scene as a party who wished to levy tribute on the rallway company.

Any one who has been in Chicago knows to what perfection the street car business is carried on, and it is generally conceded that it is the best of any large city in the world. There are over 600 miles of track run by electricity, and about six miles of track still operated by horse cars, the mileage being almost double that of New York city, while the density of population is 0 to 1 in favor of New York. Here in Chicago a person can ride twelve miles for one fare of five cents, so you can see how much room there is for complaint as to rate of fare.

The amount of abuse heaped upon the managers of the railway company was most extraordinary. Everything was done to compel the managers of the railway company to pay these newspapers, but without avail. The fight that was commenced then has been kept up ever since, and every improvement made by the street railway companies has been met by the most determined opposition on the part of these newspapers. The extension of lines, the putting in of cross-town lines, changing from horse power to electricity, and many other improvements, have been steadily fought, and when there was nothing in the way of improvements to fight every effort was made to excite the people and make them dissatisfied with the transportation facilities.

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"The original charters of the street railway companies which were granted in 1853, and afterward extended to 1855, were for ninety-nine years. The ordinances passed by the city were for twenty years. In 1883 there was an effort made on the part of the city authorities to levy a special tax on the street car companies, but after a thorough examination by the legal authorities connected with the city and also by Carter H. Harrison, the elder, it was decided the city had no case and it would be best to compromise with the companies. The companies then agreed to pay \$50 per car a year for licenses, and it was agreed that the city would not go into a legal contention with the railway companies for a period of twenty years, or, in other words, until 1803.

"The present managers of the traction companies, however, desire to have this question settled for fifty years. They have requested the Mayor on several occasions to take up the question, to the end that some arrangement could be made by which the rights of the traction companies could be settled for that length of time. The Mayor has always refused to consider the matter until the ordinance came before the City Council in the regular way and was then submitted to him. At last the traction to the effect that a fifty-year extension should be granted, with the provision that for such extension the traction companies would pay the city 3 per cent on their gross earnings. This, evidently, was what the Mayor was waiting for.

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"An arrangement had previously been made between the Mayor, Joseph Mediil, proprietor of the Chicaso Dribura, Victor Lawson, proprietor of the Times Herald, by which these proprietor of the Times Herald, by which these previously and the times that the proprietor of the Times Herald, by which these newspapers were to use their utmost influence to assist him in preventing the passage of the ordinance, and, on the other hand, he was practically to assist two of these editors in their scheme of blackmail. As a reward for his petition of the position of Vice-President on ext. spring, and also for his election next spring, and also for his election of Governor in 1900. It was also understood that he aspired to the position of Vice-President, and even President in the future.

"This latter statement was uncovered in the Cuneil Chamber on Monday night, when one candidate for President. I do not believe that Kohlsant is in the blackmail scheme, but he is so thoroughly dominated by Victor Lawson that he is completely under his control. In fact, he made an arrangement with Lawson some time and that they both should favor and opposition of the previous statement of the previous st

carry our passengers a long distance, we charge them a fair rate, and give them comfortable and rapid transit.

"We are most desirous of having this controversy settled in a businesslike manner, and have appealed to the Mayor to meet us in the same way, but he has steadfastly refused to even consult with us, and has done this at the command of Medill, Lawson and Kohlsaat, the idea being that no settlement whatever can be made until the traction companies have paid Medill and Lawson their demands.

"I have made these statements in regard to the attempted blackmail by these two men, and defied them to bring an action against me for libel or slander, but they steadfastly refuse to do so. It is my earnest desire that these men should come into court, so that the facts of the case can be understood and their manner of doing business be known to the world."

BIOGRAPH VIEWS OF THE POPE. Moving Pictures of Leo XIII. Shown for the First Time in Public Last Night.

There was an exhibition of biograph views at Carnegie Hall last night, and the announcement that for the first time the moving pictures of his Holiness Pope Leo XIII. would be shown was sufficient to attract a large Among those present were a large number of priests and some of the most prominent of the Catholic laity in New York. The programme was divided into two parts, the first consisting of some excellent pletures of the coronation ceremonies of Wilhelmina of Holland and Queen particularly good view of the burning of a hotel in Paris, with rescues from the building by Parisian pomplers. President McKinley and Secretary Alger, acempanied by Gen. Joe Wheeler, making an spection of Camp Wikoff, was enthusiasti-

President McKinley, and Secretary Ager, accompanied by Gon. Joe Wheeler, making an inspection of Camp Wikoff, was enthusiastically received.

Before the pictutes of the Pope were thrown on the canvas the Rev. Thomas H. Malone, who later explained the views as they were shown, told how the pictures had been obtained. A representative of the American Mutoscope Company, with letters from Cardinal Gibbons, Mgr. Martinelli, Archbishop Ireland and others, visited Rome last summer, secured an audience with the Pope and finally got him to consent to being photographed for the biograph views. Seventeen thousand photographs were taken, and these, as shown in the biograph, present a series of twelve moving pictures of his Holiness, walking, driving and riding in his Sedan chair in the halls and gardens of the Vatican.

It is not everybody who can go to Rome and not everybody who goes to Rome sees the Pope. Next to seeing his Holiness with one's own eyes nothing could give as satisfactory a notion of him as the views shown last night. Every expression is brought out, and the trembling of his hand as he raised it to give the Apostolic benediction was plainly seen. Two of the best views show him in the gardens of the Vatican. In one of these he alights from his carriage, which is surrounded by Papal guards on horseback, walks to a stone seat, removes his hat and spectacles and hands them with his staff to an attendant, and then, whing his brow, gives his blessing to those about him. In another view he is seen walking through the gardens. He walks so rapidly that his attendants have to hurry to keep un with him. As he is about to turn a corner, he stops, turns to one of the Papal guards, says something and laughs heartily. The laugh is shown perfectly, as is that also of the guard, who finds something amusing to call to the attention of his Holiness.

These views, if they do nothing else, will bring the Pope Buch nearer to the American people than he ever was before.

MORE OF LONDONIAN'S MEN SAVED Eight of the Crew Rescued by a German Steamship-Seventeen Now Missing.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 14.-The North German Lloyd liner Rickmere came in to-day with eight more of the crew of the ill-fated steamship Londonian. The rescued include E. B. Lee, Captain of the Londonian; Joseph Cottier, third mate; Peter Behm, boatswain; W. Corness, Joseph Webb and Ferdinand Carlsen. seamen; Daniel Darnell, second steward, and W. Martin "second cook. Counting? the fortyfive men brought to Baltimore by the British steamer Vedamore, this makes fifty-three saved of the seventy men who manned the Londonian

The Rickmere left Bremen for this port on Nov. 24 with 150 steerage passengers and a general cargo. On the night; of Nov. 29 the wreck of the Londonian was sighted. Her lights were still going and figures were seen on the bridge of the vessel, which had listed badly. Although the seas were high and the launching of a boat a serious undertaking. Capt. Grosch of the Rickmere determined to do what he could to save the men, as the Lon-donian looked as though she would sink any moment.

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Second Officer Laux and five men offered to take the chance, and a boat was lowered. The little craft was dashed about like a cockie shell by the angry waves. When within haling distance of the Londonian Laux asked those on board whether a tow was wanted. The answer was that the vessel was beyond hope and that the men on board were anxious to leave her.

It being impossible to bring the lifeboat close to the wrecked vessel a line was thrown to the rescuers and by means of the cars made taut. The eight shipwrecked men then one by one slid from the Londonian to the lifeboat. Lapt, Lee was the last to leave. When the rescuers and rescued returned to the Rickmere it was long after midnight. The seas were still high and the only way they could be taken aboard was bybeing dragged to safety through the water and over the side of the vessel. The lifeboat was then abandoned and the Rickmere proceeded on her way.

SAD CASE OF THE FISCHERS.

Man and Wife in Bellevue Suffering from the Effects of Drink.

Frederick G. Fischer, brother of J. & C. Fischer, the manufacturers of pianos, and a member of the firm, was yesterday committed by Magistrate Olmsted in Jefferson Market Court to Bellevue Hospital for examination as to his sanity. Two hours later his wife was taken from her boarding house to Belle-

The Fischers were married seven years ago. They have been in trouble before owing to their intemperate habits. In the past few years he has had but little to do with the firm. He was released from a sanitarium two weeks Mrs. Elizabeth McConkey, 463 West Twentyfirst street, whose son is employed by J. & C.

first street, whose son is simplyed by J. & C. Fischer as a bookkeeper. Fischer and his wife siffrted drinking heavily. Fischer became so erratic that Mrs. McConkey reported his condition to one of his brothers who promptly had him committed.

Last night Mrs. Fischer's father, James S. Curran, a steamfitting contractor, called at the West Twentieth street station and requested that two policemen be sent to the boarding house to arrest his daughter. The police suggested that she be removed to Bellevue Hospital, and Detective Long escorted her there in a cab.

Fischer is 40 years old. His wife is eight years younger. years younger.

PRESIDENT GATES RESIGNS.

His Successor in the Illinois Steel Company

At a meeting of the directors of the Illinois Steel Company yesterday the resignation of President John W. Gates was received and accepted. It does not take effect until the new year. Mr. Gates intends to make an extended trip abroad

It was stated yesterday that the company was so busy with orders for steel rails from American sources that it had turned away an order for 75,000 tons for a Russian railroad. More than 50 per cent, of the company's output for 1890, about 350,000 tons, is reported sold. Charles C. Cluff, general Eastern agent of the company, said regarding its Russian

of the company, said regarding he has an order:
"It was to be delivered next year either at Vladivostock or Port Arthur. I think the rails are intended for the extension of the Transsiberian Railroad from Vladivostock southward to connect with the railroads in China. We are so busy that we couldn't consider the order, and we had to reply by cable that we couldn't fill it."

DR. PAXTON'S SUCCESSOR.

The New York Presbyterian Church Calls the Rev. Dr. Walter Duncan Buchanan The congregation of the New York Presbyterian Church, at 128th street and Seventh avenue, in executive session last night accepted the resignation of its pastor, the Rev. Dr. John R. Paxton, and adopted resolutions thanking him for his past services. After deliberating him for his past services. After deliberating for several hours between the Rev. Dr. Walter Duncan Buchanan of the Thirteenth Street Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Dr. J. Mc-Millen, formerly Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Missions, the congregation extended a call to Dr. Buchanan.
William A. Flack and William B. Angus were elected elders, and F. R. Huiberg and Walter B. Chapin were elected deacons. The Rev. Dr. George L. Shearer, Secretary of the American Tract Society, presided over the meeting. ROBERTS MAY BE CHOSEN

THE COMPTROLLER LIKELY TO GET ALDRIDGE'S PLACE

Sovernor-Elect Roosevelt Says That Who

ever He Names for State Superintendent of Public Works Must Knife Dishonest Contractors or Be Knifed by Him. There were certain friends of Governor-elect consevelt at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night who said that he had almost made up his mind o appoint Comptroller James A. Roberts of Suffalo to be Commissioner of Public Works. Mr. Roberts attended a dinner in Brooklyn the ther night and at that time his name was prominently mentioned for the place. Whatver the outcome of this matter, the personal friends of Francis Hendricks of Syracuse known to the representative of THE SUN that Mr. Hendricks himself had ever desired Governor-elect Boosevelt to appoint him State Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Hendricks, however, at the request of Senator Platt and Chairman Odell of he Republican State Committee and others. after certain importuning, said that he would allow his name to be considered as the candidate of the Republican organization of the State for the place

Mr. Hendricks, it was added, did this with ductance, for the reason that he is well mough off in this world's goods, has been in public life many years, and furthermore his duties as the Republican leader of Onondaga county, which gave such a tremeadous plural-ity for Roosevelt on election day, and his busi-ness affairs require most of his attention

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Undoubtedly Mr. Robert, must at this moment be considered high, in the estimation of Governor-elect Roosevelt for the appointment of State Commissioner of Public Works, according to the Republicans at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night. Naturally there was some talk to the effect that Mr. Roberts has been Comptroller of the State since 1883, and that Eric county has again been honored with the Comptrollership in the person of Col. William J. Morgan, and this also in view of the fact that Eric county fell down horribly on the Republican candidates on election day.

Governor-elect Roosevelt, however, it was said, is not working at all on the old lines of Republican State politics. He said to a friend the other night: I want a State Commissioner of Public Works who will put the knife into dishonest canal contractors, and if the man I select does not put the knife into dishonest contractors. Republicans and Democrats, I will put the knife into dishonest contractors. Republicans and Democrats, I will not the knife into him."

Should Governor-elect Roosevelt name Mr. Roberts for the office, he is not at all afraid, it was said last night, that the State Senate of twenty-seven Republicans, out of a body of fifty members, will refuse to confirm the appointment. In other words, Governor-elect Roosevelt, it was added, does not wish unnecessarily to provoke a quarrel at the outset of his administration, but if a quarrel is thrust upon him he will meet it with his accustomed vigor.

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Otster Bat, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Judge Hiram R. Steele of Brooklyn will be the next District Attorney of Kings county to succeed Mr. Marean, who must retire on or before Jan, 1, because he has been elected Supreme Court Justice. Judge Steele's name was suggested to Col., Roosevelt by President Seth Low of Columbia University and James McKeen. President Low's first suggestion was that of Judge McKeen, who, as he knew, stood as high in the opinion of the Hepublican organization leaders in Brooklyn as he did at the bar. Mr. McKeen was unwilling to take the place and brought up the name of Judge Steele, a lawyer, who stood as high as himself. To the great pleasure of Mr. Low and Mr. McKeen and Col. Roosevelt, it was learned that the selection of Judge Steele would be approved by the Hepublican leaders in Brooklyn. The offer of the place was made and to-day it was accepted.

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In offering the appointment the Governor-elect wrote that he took particular pleasure in the fact that it was not necessary for him to say to Judge Steele that all trials on existing indictments in Brooklyn should be prosecuted with the utmost diligence and severity, whether these indictments be against former public officials or unknown private citizens.

Col. Roosevelt announced to-day that he had offered the place of Superintendent of Public Works to an engineer whose name he withheld, and that it had been declined in such positive terms that the particular man in question might be considered out of the race altogether. The one or two men who have been informed as to the identity of this engineer are surprisingly enthusiastic over the fitness of the appointment, and express the utmost regret that he was unable to take the place. From irresponsible sources yesterday came a great deal of talk about George Clinton of Buffalo in the appointment, and express the utmost regret that he was unable to take the place. From irresponsible sources yesterday came a great deal of talk about George Clinton of Buffalo in connection with this appointment. Those who are believed to know Col. Roosevelt's views do not take the stories of the probability of Clinton's appointment sectiously, but when their attention was called to a paragraph in a New York evening newspaper to-day which said that the name of Comptroller James A. Roberts was under consideration they had nothing to say. Mr. Roberts called on Col. Roosevelt last Saturday in New York After that visit Mr. Roberts went to the Fifth Avenue Hotel and told his friends there that he had said to Col. Roosevelt that he did not want to be Superintendent of Public Works. The impression has grown that Mr. Roberts may have changed his mind since he left Col. Roosevelt on Saturday.

No one pretends to say that Mr. Roberts's friend, Mr. Hendricks of Syracuse, is not still a strong candidate, and not one of the partisans of other men who have called upon the Governor-elect has had a word to say against his record as a public man. Col. Roosevelt has never personally considered the appointment of Mr. Greene, the engineer of the Dock Board, and Mr. North's claims are no longer being pressed.

The voice of labor as it is heard at Oyster

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The voice of labor as it is heard at Oyster Bay is somewhat discordant. There are five prominent candidates for the place of Commissioner of Labor Statistics. They are John McDackin, who is backed by John McDonough; Patrick Egan, for whom one or two members of the State Committee said a good word earlier in the campaign; Henry Weismann, on whose behalf Neval Officer of the Port Sharkey and many Brooklyn labor organizations have written letters; Charles Dumar of Big Six, who is sponsored by Chairman Quigg of the New York County Committee, and ex-Assemblyman Williams of Utica, who is not a laboring man, but is enthusiastically supported by his local organizations. Col. Roosevelt feels that where opinions are so thoroughly divided he may very properly cut loose from all advice and follow his own inclinations absolutely. He has thought of patting a simon pure labor man in as Commissioner, with some bright young college graduate with an aptitude for statistical figures as Deputy Commissioner. So far he is rather inclined to Weismann. Bumors have, however, come to his ears that Weismann has been accused of anarchistic sympathies in his earlier days. He does not believe this charge, but he will investigate it thoroughly before taking any further steps on Mr. Weismann's behalf.

behalf.
Henry A. Nelson of Harper's Weekly. Alderman P. Tecumseh Sherman of New York, with his friend. Henry Birrell, and Mr. Alling of Syracuse, with three of his friends, were callers to-day.

COM. ABELL'S DINNER. iome Big Republicans There, but More Sent Their Regrets.

Over one hundred guests were present last night at the complimentary dinner at the Clarendon Hotel in Brooklyn tendered to Po-lice Commissioner Henry E. Abell, whose term cuarenuon Hotel in Brooklyn tendered to Police Commissioner Heury E. Abell, whose term
will expire at the close of the year and who expects to be reappointed. Silas B. Dutcher, an
old Republican warhorse, presided, and the
chief guests were former Gov. Alonzo
B. Cornell, whom Mr. Abell served as
private secretary during his term at Albany: Naval Office Robert A. Shaskey,
Quarantine Commissioner Fred Schroeder,
George H. Boberts, Jr.: Senator-elect Henry
Marshall, John G. Deubert, Magistrate Jacob
Brenner, Marcus B. Campbell, Secretary of the
Republican County Committee: William Cullen
Bryant and Police Commissioners York Sexton
and Hess. Among those who had been invited
and sent excuses, mainly on account of "previous engagements," were Senator Platt,
Governor-elect Boosevelt, Congressman Lemuel E. Quigg, Dr. Chauncey M. Depow, Edward Lauterbach, State Committeeman Odell,
Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Abs Gruber, Collector George R. Bidweil, William Berri and
Walter B. Atterbury, Col. Michael J. Dady,
head of the Republican organization in Kings
county, was in Washington, but he sent a substitute. The complimentary speeches were
made by former Governor Cornell and Messra.
Sharkey, Brenner and Campbell.
Lieut-Gov, Timothy L. Woodruff arrived late
and made a short speech.

VAN WYCK HIRES AN OFFICE. The Defeated Candidate for Governor Re-

sumes the Practice of Law. The Hon. Augustus Van Wyck, defeated Democratic candidate for Governor, announced to his friends yesterday that he had opened an to his friends yesterday that he had opened an office for the practice of law at 149 Broad-way. Mr. Van Wyck did not desire to be the Democratic candidate for Governor at the Syracuse Couvention, so his friends said yesterday. On the contrary, he preferred a renomination for Supreme Court Justice of the Second Judicial Department. The Democratic candidates for Supreme Court Justices of this district were elected on Nov. S. Mr. Van Wyck was defeated for Governor. His friends said yesterday that he had taken defeat in highly honorable fashion.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Brome Quinins Tablets. All drugglets rafund the money if it falls to care. 28c. The gan-nine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.—Ade.

SANTIAGO EDITORS FALL OUT. Their Proposed Duel Prevented by the Po lice-Capital Timid at Present.

Enrique Trujillo, editor of El Porrenir, and Marianao Corona, editor of El Cuba Libre. which was scheduled for this afternoon, was prevented by Col. Vallente, chief of the rural olice. The two editors were sent to homes, where they will be kept under military guard until Gen. Wood investigates the matter The trouble was the outcome of a libelious communication published yesterday in the Independencia, which Truillo attributed to Corona. Five members of the Supreme Court and twenty lawyers waited on Gen. Wood in the audience chamber of the palace this afternoon and formally congratulated him on his promo tion to the rank of Major-General.

Gen. Wood has arranged with the American Electric Lighting Company to illuminate the streets of Santiago with incandescent lights at very corner and are lights in the main plaza.

Mr. Hugo Hydeman has returned from the north coast, where he established regular United States Post Offices in the towns of Gibara, Holguin, Sagua de Tanamo and

Baracoa. Presidents Bent and Rand of the Juragua and Spanish-American mining companies have sailed for the north on the steamship Santiago. They told the correspondent of THE Sun that they had decided to put off extensive improvements in their iron plants until they were assured of the stability of the future gov ernment of the island.

GERMANY AND THE GREAT POWERS Veiled Expressions as to "Certain Antago nisms" Attributed to the Kaiser.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Dec. 14.—According to a communi-cation received by the Berlin Börsen Zeitung from a Parliamentary source, the Empero recently, upon the occasion of his receiving the officers of the Reichstag, remarked that there had been many changes affecting the relations of the great powers. Within the past few weeks, he said, it had become manifest that the antagonisms of certain interests were making themselves felt more than formerly and under given circumstances account had to be taken of these antagonisms, which might result in decisive issues.

The Emperor referred to the success achieved by the vigorous English policy at Fashoda, but said it must be admitted that it was not cerain that the Anglo-French differences had

been completely adjusted.

Referring to the Anglo-German colonial creaty the Emperor said the arrangement was secomplished owing to the friendly and accomnodating spirit shown on both sides, and Germany might expect to gain advantages thereby. Owing to the turn of the international situa tion, the Kaiser added, Germany was in a posiion to apply herself to the protection of her own interests.

END OF HAROLD FREDERIC CASE Ers. Mills, the "Christian Science" Healer and Kate Lyons Discharged.

Special Cable Despatch to THE BUN. LONDON, Dec. 14.—In the Criminal Court, Old Bailey, this morning, Mrs. Mills and Kate Lyons were indicted for manslaughter in having caused the death of Harold Frederic through reating him by Christian Science methods. The indictment was based upon the finding of the Coroner's inquest. As the Crown offered no evidence against the women, the jury re-turned a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoners

FRANCE'S RIGHTS IN PALESTINE. Ex-Premier Crispi Questions French Claim to a Protectorate Over Christians.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUK. Rome, Dec. 14.-Ex-Premier Crispl, in an rticle published in the Rivista d'Raha trenting of the claim of France to a protectorate over the Christians in Palestine, says that France has the right to protect only those Turkish ubjects who are French and Christian The ex remier adds that the voyage of the Kaiser to the Holy Land will have very grave consequences.

SPAIN BLAMES COLUMBUS.

Fomen of Granada Stone the Statue of the Discoverer of America. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

Madrid, Dec. 14.-A crowd of women of the lower class in Granada stoned the statue of Columbus in that city to-day, declaring that the discoverer of America was the cause of all of Spain's misfortunes.

British Occupation of Crete to Become Permanent? Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 14 .- The Daily Mail says that the present British occupation of the island of Crete, which was originally intended to be brief, will probably become permanent, though the position in Crete will not be identical with that in Egypt.

SHAMED HER OUT OF COURT. he Only Woman Present at the Moore

Badger Trial Leaves in a Hurry. The taking of testimony for the prosecution egan yesterday in the trial of William A. E. Moore, who is facing a jury for the second time before Recorder Goff in Part IV. of the General Sessions on the charge of badgering Martin Mahon of the New Amsterdam Hotel.

Martin Mahon of the New Amsterdam Hotel. His wife, Farne Strahan that was, was not in court, as the Recorder has refused to allow her to be there during the trial unless she appears on the witness stand. It had taken until 11:30 o'clock the night before to secure a jury, and court did not convene westerday until nearly noon.

Assistant District Atterney McIntyre took up the time before recess in making his opening address. When he came to relate the scene in the Moores' room at the Hotel Grenoble just preceding the entry of Moore and the alleged forcing of Mahon to give up his money and sign a confession, the only woman in the court room audience got up and left.

The afternoon was taken up with the examination of Martin Mahon. His story did not differ from that which he told at the previous trial. The case goes on to-day.

Bodies of the Two Grisold Children Found. A large force of firemen were kept at work until a late hour yesterday morning in the rulns of the five-story flat house at 223 Union street, Brooklyn, searching for the bodies of the two children of William Henry Grisold, who were burned to death in the fire there on Tueswere curried to death in the first there on Tues-day night. The two children, George, 7 years old, and Edith, 3 years old, were in bed in a rear room on the second flat at the time the fire was discovered by Mary Feeney, a servant. The girl rescued Gladys, the 5-year-old child, but was unable to return to the rescue of the others.

others.

The firemen recovered the body of George at 8 o'clock in the morning, and two hours later the body of Edith was found. The bodies were taken to an undertaker's at 438 Hicks street. Mrs. Grisold was at a friend's house yesterday in a state of prostration.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 14.—Fire swept away about all of the business portion of the village of Arcade this morning. Twenty-five places of business and one dwelling were destroyed.

\$100,000 Fire in Arcade, N. Y.

Most of the buildings were occupied by families upstairs, and these people are homeless. There upstairs, and these people are homeless. There is very little left of the village, except the scattered residences on the outside. Everything was burned from the north side of the street for a distance of 500 feet, and the only thing that stopped the flames' progress was Cattaraugus Creek. The wind carried the flames over to the south side of the street and the buildings on that side for 200 feet were destroyed. Every building in Liberty street was burned down. The loss is \$190,000, with \$25,000 insurance.

Crimmins Buys Berrian's Island. JAMAICA. L. I., Dec. 14.—In the Clerk's office of Queen's county there was filed to-day a deed of the sale of Berrian's Island in the East River, off Steinway village, Long Island City, Crimmins for \$75,000. The island contains 45 acres of land, with 27 7-10 acres besides between high and low water. It was sold to Mr. Crimmins, subject to a mortgage of \$80,000. It is said be will sell the land off to manufacturing concerns. SYNDICATES IN BIG DEALS.

PLANS TO BUY 1: OHTING COMPANIES
IN THREE CITIES.

Brown Brothers Seeking to Control the Pittsburg Field-A Syndicate After the Missouri-Edison Company in St. Louis-A Move to Purchase Baltimore Gas.

PITTEBURO, Pa., Dec. 14.-The directors of the Philadelphia company, the great natural ras corporation, met to-day and approved President George Westinghouse's action in giving to Brown Bros. of New York an option on the stock of the company. The concern was capitalized at \$7,500,000 and the stock offered to Brown Bros. for \$40 a share. offered to Brown Bros. for \$40 a share, aggregating a little more than \$6,000. The Allegheny County Light and Heating Company's directors also met and approved the offer of an option to Brown Bros. of all the stock at \$180 a share; total amount, \$600,000. The Philadelphia company's directors also approved a motion to increase the capital stock sufficiently to enable the company to acquire the Allegheny company's stock in case Brown Bros. should not accept the option at \$40.

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Brown Bros. are the promoters of the Combolidated Gas Company, which aims to combine all the electric light and illuminating and fuel gas companies in this territory. The promoters have already acquired the illuminating gas companies here, paying thegefor \$7,000,000. The use of patent conesor mawles with natural gas has cut deeply into the profits of the illuminating gas companies, and therefore a consolidation of these and the electric and natural gas companies is considered a good stroke of business.

The report published this morning that Brown Bros. had already bought out all three interests here is incorrect.

AFTER ST. LOUIS ELECTRIC STOCK.

lew York Syndicate Said to Be Seeking to

Buy the Missouri-Edison Company. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 14.—A report was current here to-day to the effect that a New York syndicate headed by H. B. Holland, a banker, was negotiating for the purchase of the Missouri-Edison Electric Company, the figure offered being placed at \$8,000,000. Despite denials by being placed at \$8,000,000. Despite denials by Broker James Campbell, Vice-President of the company, the rumor would not down, but gained credence with every telling.

A committee of New York capitalists, headed by Mr. Holland, has recently been in the city inspecting properties, and is said to have carried back East a very favorable report to other members of the syndicate. This fact became known generally to-day, and added confirmation to the reports of the sale of certain properties. properties. Missouri-Edison stock has advanced ten Missouri-Edison stock has advanced ten points in the past week on the strength of these reports, and all the stock offered was quickly snapped up. The New York committee secured \$200,000 worth of stock when here as a preliminary to purchase.

New York Syndicate After Baltimore Gas BALTIMORE, Md. Dec 14-It was learned rom trustworthy sources to-day that Standard Oil interests are behind the movement to se ire control of the Consolidated Gas Company ourse control of the Consolidated Gas Company of Baltimore. The syndicate includes John D. Rockefeller. William C. Whitney and Roswell P. Flower. The interests that are endeavoring to bring about a consolidation of three electric light companies of Baltimore are also understood to be associated with the New York syndicate.

The Consolidated Gas Company has a bonded debt of \$7,000.000 besides \$11,000.000 of capital stock. It formerly paid dividends of 5 per cent, but about a year ago reduced the dividend to 4% per cent.

Died of Cold and Starvation.

Sr. George, S. I., Dec. 14.-John Scherrer aged 60 years, who lived alone in a small shanty on Woodrow road, Huguenot, S. I., was found dead in his bed this morning. Death is found dead in his bed this morning. Death is believed to have been due to starvation. Scherrer was a mason, but had been unemployed for a long time. He was last seen alive on Monday. Two colored mengathering brushwood near his cabin found the body. They knocked for admission to get warm, and revelving no answer pushed open the door. Scherrer's body lay dpon a much worn mattress which served him as a bed. There was no food or fuel in the house.

Red River Frozen Over.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 14 .- H. G. Kenyon and John Bilbig to-day returned to Dallas from a hunt on Red River in the Indian Territory. north of Henrietta. They found the Red River frozen over to such an extent that they drove their team across. They saw a team of mules pull a wagon loaded with 5,000 pounds of whes over the thick ice. Old settlers in that re-gion say the weather for the last ten days has been the coldest they ever experienced.

Below Zere in Kentucky.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 14.-The temperature here this morning fell to two degrees below zero. The snow did not melt to-day, and to-night the indications are that it will be even colder than last night. There is three inches of snow covering the blue grass fields.

Saratooa, Dec. 14.-Temperatures recorded this morning in this and the Adiro tion were the coldest of the season. Saratoga Springs, 22° below; North Creek, 24°; Corinth, 22°; Whitehall, 19°; Fort Edward, 21°.

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DESPOTISM OF THE HOUSE RULES speaker Reed's Sarcastic Reply to Mr. De WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 .- A brief session of the

House to-day was marked by a recurrence of criticism upor Speaker Reed and the Committee on Rules for the failure to report a new ode of rules for the government of the Fiftyfifth Congress. Mr. De Armond of Missouri, who is in training for the leadership of the minority, took a leading part. Referring to th Committee on Rules, he said the fact was that the Speaker was really the committee and that it was because he did not desire that a code of ules should be presented for consideration that no report had been made. Mr. Reed made a rejoinder whose withering

Mr. Reed made a rejoinder whose withering sarcasm even the Democrats who had applauded Mr. De Armond's effort appreciated if they did not enjoy. Mr. Reed said:

"The gentleman from Missouri has permitted himself to make statements in regard to the relations between the Speaker and the other members of the Committee on Rules that I am happy to state are not justified by the facts. The House must not feel itself to have been treated to an unusual discourse upon the lack of liberty given to the citizen. It so happens in this world that there are many citizens. It so happens that in the House of Representatives there are many members, and that while in theory every man can occupy all the time in discourse, in actual practice he has to occupy it in subordination to the rights of every other member, to the rights of the body itself, and to the prosecution of public business. In actual practice, also, the House may have noticed that however much despotism is exercised by the rule, there is no subject in the heaven above or in the earth beneath that has not been discussed even in this present Congress. [Laughter.]

"Now, if the gentleman from Missouri will turn to the annals of Congress away back in 1816, during the period of liberty such as he thinks he desires, he will find that John Randolph, who certainly was heard enough to become famous for a century, was complaining about the despotism of the rules at that period, asserting that even the arch inquisitor himself would have been satisfied with the wickedness of them. So you see that human nature is the same in all times." [Laughter and applause.]

The incident was introduced by an interesting historical account of the origin and purposes of the Committee of the Whole House on the Rate of Union by the venerable ex-Speaker Grow of Pennsylvania.

HILDA PETERSEN ACQUITTED.

Jury Makes a Blunder in Its Verdict and She Is Held as Insane. In the case of Hilda Petersen, charged with nurdering her child, on trial in the Supreme Court at Long Island City, the jury last night. after deliberating for one hour and thirty-five minutes, brought in a verdict of not guilty, on the ground of insanity. Foreman Otto Hesneder in delivering the verdict said that the jury had decided that the defendant was in-

sane at the time she murdered her little

daughter at Rockville Centre and that she is

sane at present.
Charles Schneller of Newtown, one of the jurors, jumped up and tried to correct the foreman's statement. He said that the verdiet was not guilty on the ground of temporary insanity. Confusion followed and Lawyer sanity. Confusion followed and Lawyer Henry A. Monfort tried to call the attention of the Court to the error and the jurors all started to respond at once and in their efforts to correct Foreman Hesneder's error made it worse. Justice Dickey ruled that the verdict was based upon insanity and declined to change it. District Attorney Youngs asked that the prisoner be committed under section 454 of the Penal Code, which provides where a prisoner is found not guilty on the ground of insanity the Court, if it so concludes, can commit the defendant to the State Asylum for Criminal Insane at Matteawan.

Mr. Monfort took exception to Justice Dickey's ruling and will take immediate action to correct the evident blunder.

After court had adjourned Otto Hesneder, foreman of the jury, sald: "The verdict was not guilty on the ground of temporary insanity. We believe that she was insane at the time she killed her child and we agreed that she was sane how, and that was our verdict." Each of the jurors offered to do all they could to aid Mr. Monfort to correct the mistake and said they would make affidavits as to their verdict or go anywhere as witnesses if he neededtheir services. Mr. Monfort and he would ask Justice Dickey not to send the woman away at once, as he believed that a writ of habeas corpus would be the proper method of proceeding to correct the mistake. He was very much put out over the peculiar termination of the trial. He was assigned to the case and has given it a great deal of attention. Henry A. Monfort tried to call the attention of

SECRETARY PORTER SELLS OUT. Disposes of the Hartford Post to a New Haven Newspaper Man.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 14.-The Hartford Post, an evening Republican paper owned by John Addison Porter, secretary to President McKinley, has been sold to Mr. Jackson of the New Haven Register, who will conduct it on New Haven Register, who will conduct it on more independent lines. The price is not given, but is reported to be about \$40,000. It cost Mr. Porter in the neighborhood of \$60,000, and has nover been a paying venture in the ten years that he has cowned it. Mr. Porter used the paper to further his political aspirations, but when he failed to secure the Gubernatorial nomination last fall he decided to retire from the publishing business. When Mr. Porter was in Hartford he canducted the management of the Post personally, but on accepting his new place in Washington George L. Fielder, at one time with the New York Post, was installed in full charge. The latter's contract does not expire unfil Jan. 1, and, although Mr. Jackson and his attorney have pleaded with him and offered him his salary for the rest of the year. Mr. Fielder feusess to move.

Col. Bryan in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. - William Jennings Bryan arrived to-night from Savannah. He said he had nothing to add to his statement, published to-day, and declined to be inter-viewed. He intends remaining in Washington several days.

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